

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 8 with the following

rewritten paragraph:

Further, in the example 1.7 to 1.11, an example of a case where styrene-methacrylic acid ester-acrylic acid ester copolymer was employed to form a coating layer was shown. However, when ethylene-acrylic acid ester copolymer, methacrylic acid methyl-butadiene copolymer, styrene-butadiene copolymer and butadiene polymer are employed as a coating layer, the same results can be obtained.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The hydrogen absorbing alloy electrode according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric material in said coating layer is at least one type of elements selected from the group consisting of styrene-methacrylic acid ester-acrylic acid ester copolymer, ethylene-acrylic acid ester copolymer, methacrylic acid methyl-butadiene copolymer, styrene-butadiene copolymer and butadiene polymer.